MR. A GOPALA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1-12-1109.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know the reason for this long delay of four years ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Lack of funds.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW ; In what time is it expected to have the matter disposed of ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I cannot foresee now what the time will be.

Confirmation of clerks in the Police Department.

8. ✻ MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a circular that the graduate and under-graduate clerks will be in the ratio of 3 to 1 ; and

(*b*) whether that has been strictly followed by the Commissioner of Police in his Department in the matter of confirmation ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : (*a*) There no circular, but there is a G. O. fixing the proportion, supplemented by directions from Government in this respect.

(*b*) Yes ; except in cases of exceptional merit and efficiency and when previous approval of Government is obtained.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know the names of those who were appointed by reason of exceptional merit and efficiency in spite of the G. O. ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : T. M. Sivasubramonia Pillai, G. Yegnamiah and K. T. Subramonia Aiyar.

Police Charge Sheets.

9. ✻ MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the charge sheets filed by the Police before the Magistrates' Courts contain the points which each witness would prove ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : No.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know from the honourable member whether this was the practice about two years ago ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Unfortunately, I was not able to get the charge sheet form, but I think there was a procedure by which the purpose for which a witness was called for was noted in the old charge sheet form. The new charge sheet form has been copied from a recent Madras charge sheet form.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know from the honourable member the reason for the change ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO : I regret I cannot say that. If time is given I shall look into it.

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